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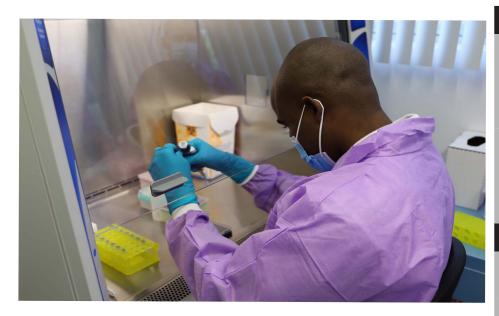




# **COVID-19 Situation Update - 144**

22 October 2021

This situation update is on the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) reported cases, deaths and related vaccination status, Globally, Regionally, for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Countries, French Territories, and the United Kingdom Overseas Territories.



### Local hotspots drive new COVID-19 cases in the Americas, calling for increased surveillance

PAHO Director says spikes seen in several countries and surveillance critical to identify local outbreaks and prevent further spread of the disease.

Washington, D.C., October 20, 2021 (PAHO) -- While overall vaccination coverage has reached 41% in Latin America and the Caribbean, surveillance will remain key to identifying new risks and responding to local infection hotspots, the Director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), Carissa F. Etienne said.

The PAHO Director warned of increased infection rates in the Caribbean, parts of Canada, Mexico, Bolivia, and Venezuela, and underscored the need to track and manage infections closely as vaccine rollout continues.

"Surveillance has always been the eyes and ears to guide our COVID response," Dr Etienne said during a press briefing, "as we navigated our pandemic peaks and as we continue to track emerging variants "

"Health authorities should have a clear picture of what is happening at the local level and quickly communicate both the risks and the public health measures needed to reduce transmission," she said.

For municipalities to detect risks as they emerge, the Director added, institutions such as laboratories, public health schools and univer

## **Region of the Americas**

92,640,712

2,272,988

deaths in

56

countries, areas, or territories

1,166,178,399

total vaccine doses administered

Global

242,348,657

4,927,723

deaths in

236

countries, areas, or territories

6,655,399,359

total vaccine doses administered

sities must also be empowered to diagnose new infections locally.

She also called for enhancing surveillance tools and networks to monitor diseases more efficiently and sustainably, adding that PAHO is working with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to implement a new PCR test protocol to simultaneously detect COVID-19 and influenza from the same sample.

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**ECC COVID-19 Surveillance** 

22/10/2021

Antigua and Barbuda

British Virgin Islands

Saint Kitts and Nevis

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Situation in last 7 days

Active Cases Hospitalized Situation since the start of the pander

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**ANGUILLA** - Effective November 1, 2021, amendments will be made to the entry regime for all fully vaccinated arrivals - whether a visitor or returning resident. These include - visitors 18 years and older excluding pregnant wormen must be fully vaccinated; a negative Covid-19 test is required taken no less than 2-5 days prior to arrival; the laboratory processing pre-arrival test must be accredited, self administered home tests and antibody tests will not be accepted.

BARBADOS - The roll out of booster shots, began on Wednesday October 20, 202, starting with staff of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Under the National Vaccination Programme for COVID-19, on October 21, booster shots were offered to fully vaccinated persons aged 70 and over, and those who are immunocompromised and who had received their second dose before the end of April.

Effective Sunday, October 24, 2021 fully vaccinated travellers to Barbados with a valid negative pre-flight Covid-19 PCR test result will no longer be required to take a Covid-19 test or quarantine on arrival to the



Country/Territory		People Vaccinated with		7 Day Daily Average of
	Data as of:	1 Dose	2 Doses	Vaccination
Anguilla	18/10/2021	9548	9157	
Antigua and Barbuda	20/10/2021	7347	48408	540
Barbados	22/10/2021	146302	119876	989
British Virgin Islands	05/10/2021	17607	15468	76
Dominica	20/10/2021	27412	23579	309
French Guiana	17/10/2021	82008	71742	502
Grenada	21/10/2021	37675	30284	371
Guadeloupe	12/10/2021	126645	114080	2583
Martinique	22/10/2021	128201	108887	686
Montserrat	13/10/2021	2911	1409	0
Saint Barthelemy	12/10/2021	6748	6286	15
Saint Kitts and Nevis	18/10/2021	2351	24054	202
Saint Lucia	21/10/2021	49802	38,836	485
Saint Martin	12/10/2021	12631	11406	22
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	21/10/2021	23127	14903	94

Red indicates decreasing trend compared to previous 7 day period, green indicates increase

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Technical and Financial support provided July - October 2021

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PAHO's Response

Pillar 3 6 COVID-19 testers recruited

Pillar 3 6 data entry clerks recruited

Pillar 3 Epidemiologist hired for 6 months

Pillar 3 3 laptops for contact tracers recruited

Pillar 3 Go.Data Installation - Introduction meeting

Pillar 5 30,000 Rapid Antigen Kits - Projected need

Pillar 5 Technical support for setting up new RT-PCR machine at hospital lab

Pillar 6 5 cases of shoe covers, 10,000 biohazard bags & 1,000 bouffant caps procured

Pillar 9 11 leaders trained on online format of the Chronic Self Management Programme

Pillar 10 Communications materials on breast feeding and vaccine hesitancy disseminated

Pillar 5 Technical support for assessment of testing strategy and training of new staff (consultant

Pillar 3 3 contact tracers recruited

Pillar 3 3 data entry clerks recruited

Pillar 5 2500 rt-PCR Kits purchased

Pillar 5 5 RT-qPCR Master Mix purchased

Pillar 6 130 cases of gloves purchased

Pillar 7 Emergency Medical Team

Pillar 3 4 contact tracers recruited

Pillar 5 50,000 Rapid Antigen Kits

Pillar 5 30,400 Rapid Antigen Kits donated

Pillar 6 500,000 3Q Medical Respirators procured

visited 20-25 September and 13 staff trained)

Pillar 5 2 laboratory technologists hired

Pillar 6 400,000 KN95 Masks procured

Pillar 6 150,000 Face Shields procured

Pillar 6 150000 Shoe Covers procured

Pillar 6 200000 Caviwipes procured

Pillar 7 50 oxygen tanks procured

Pillar 6 350,000 Gowns - Impervious procured

Pillar 6 300,000 Nitrile Exam Gloves procured

Pillar 10 1 Mobile Primary Care Clinic procured

Pillar 4 2 Port Health Surveillance Officers hired

Pillar 4 2 LCD Monitors for Surveillance Unit procured

Pillar 10 2 vehicles procurement procured

Pillar 4 Epidemiologist hired for 3 months

Pillar 6 300,000 Sterile Latex Surgical Gloves procured

Pillar 6 200000 Germidical Disposable Wipes procured

Pillar 6 350,000 Gowns - Isolation procured

Pillar 6 400.000 N95 Masks procured

Pillar 6 180,000 Sanitizer procured

Pillar 3 4 laptops

Pillar 5 Other materials for PCR purchased

Pillar 3 Go.Data Installation - follow-up

Pillar 5 20,000 Rapid Antigen Kits procured

Pillar 3 3 contact tracers hired

Pillar 3 3 laptops procured

Pillar 3 2 laptops procured

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Pillar 4 5 Computers procured

Pillar 7 1 ABG Machine procured

Pillar 7 10 Infusion Pumps procured

Pillar 7 20 QC Pulse Oximeter procured

Pillar 7 1 High Flow Ventilator procured

Pillar 7 Training on Medical Ethics

Pillar 10 7 vaccine promoters recruited

Pillar 10 2 vehicles procured and rolled out

Pillar 10 7 hand held devices procure

Pillar 3 2 surveillance officers hired

Pillar 5 Primers and probes procured

Pillar 6 Advanced IPC training Phase 1

Pillar 6 Advanced IPC training Phase 2

5000 thermometers

Pillar 7 4000 Pulse oximeters procured

Pillar 7 1000 Pulse oximeters procured

Pillar 7 10000 Brochures

Pillar 6 15300 face masks procured

Pillar 6 4000 face shields procured

Pillar 5 80,000 Rapid Antigen Test Kits procured

Pillar 5 60,000 Rapid Antigen Test Kits donation

Pillar 3 Purchase of 8 laptops

Pillar 5 Air Freight

Pillar 10 2 drivers recruited

Pillar 7 20 Portable Nebulizer Set procured

Pillar 5 GeneXpert machine procurement

Pillar 5 30,000 Rapid Antigen Kits - Projected need

Pillar 7 10 High Flow Oxygen Machines procured

Pillar 7 20 Oxygen Cylinders (empty) procured

Pillar 7 Assessment of the Oxygen Concentration Plant

Pillar 7 Development of Quality Management System

Pillar 7 Review of Medical Records department

Pillar 7 Portable Dialysis Machine procured

Pillar 10 7 Data Entry Clerks recruited for 3 months

Pillar 7 Comprehensive Clinical Audit of Medical Services

Pillar 5 20000 Nasopharyngeal Swabs for Rapid Antigen Kits procured

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Pillar 5 Review of functions and future operation of National Laboratory procured

Pillar 7 Human Resource Assessment and Plan for Primary and Secondary Care

Pillar 5 8 boxes/125 strips each, fast reaction tubes (8 tubes/strip) 0.1µl procured

Pillar 5 10 packs/500 per pack, 1.5 ml DNA/RNA free microcentrifuge PCR tubes procured

Pillar 5 3 boxes/300 strips each MicroAmp Optical 8 cap strips procured

Pillar 5 5 pack/960 per pack, filtered pipette tips (10µl) procured

Pillar 5 5 pack/960 per pack, filtered pipette tips (200 μl) procured

Pillar 5 5 pack/960 per pack, filtered pipette tips (1000 μl) procured

High level Meeting held with the MOH to discuss the upsurge in COVID-19 cases (26/8/2021)

Pillar 7 Supportive Guidelines on the Clinical Management of Cases

Pillar 10 Mini bus rented with driver to transport health workers

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Pillar 5 100 96-Well Reaction Plates, 200 Adhesive films, 600 8-Cap Strips, 8 packs of microcetrifuge tubes (500 each), 12 packs of pipettes (960 per pack) Pillar 5 10000 Virus Sampling Kit (swabs) Pillar 5 PCR Supplies for the LAB procured Pillar 5 10,000 Rapid Antigen Kits - Projected need Pillar 10 5 data entry clerks recruited Pillar 10 1 laptop received Pillar 10 5 laptops procure Pillar 10 2 -20 freezers procure Pillar 10 Procurement of 1 vehicle (double cam pickup) Pillar 10 5 Televisions for the Clinics (Pfizer Vaccine Roll Out) procured Pillar 10 Posters for the Vaccine Roll Out (Pfizer) Pillar 10 Consultant to provide Assistance for Pfizer Roll out Pillar 2 Procurement of Camera and Camcorder plus accessories as per request Pillar 3 8 Laptop Community COVID-10 Monitoring Team procured Pillar 3 1 Laptop procured Pillar 3 1 Desktop procured Pillar 3 1 Computer Monitor procured Pillar 4 100 Eye Goggles procure Pillar 4 100 Hearing Aid Muffs procured Pillar 4 24 First Aid Kits procure Pillar 5 10,875 Rapid Antigen Kits procured Pillar 5 Procurement of Laboratory supplies Pillar 5 1000 Rapid Antigen Kits procured Pillar 5 20,000 Rapid Antigen Kits - Projected need Pillar 7 8 Portable Oxygen tanks - filled Pillar 7 8 Oxygen tank regulator valve procured Pillar 7 ICU Medications List Pillar 7 40 Handheld temperature scanner procure Pillar 7 25 Pulse Oximeter procure

Pillar 7 Medical Team with 3 physicians

address MHPSS needs

Pillar 10 1 Data entry M&E clerk recruited

Pillar 10 3 Vaccine Data Entry Clerks recruited

Pillar 10 2 Iceland Refrigerators ETA 11/08/2021 procured

Pillar 5 10,000 VTM swabs 10 QIA amp viral RNA Mini Kits x 250

Pillar 5 6- XPRSARS-COV-2-10 KIT, XPRESS, SARS-COV-2, 10 TEST

Pillar 4 4 port health surveillance officers hired

Pillar 5 rt-PCR Kits for 500 Reactions procured

Pillar 10 8 Laptops with acessories procured

Pillar 10 4 Mobile Wifi Devices procured

Pillar 3 3 contact tracers recruited

Pillar 10 PPEs procured

Pillar 10 Tents procured

Pillar 10 AEFI Kits procured

Pillar 10 24 vaccine carriers procured

Pillar 10 3 remote monitoring devices procured

Pillar 9 Meeting of the MHPSS TWG held with focus on the COVID situation and collaborating to

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Pillar 7 Emergency Medical Team

Pillar 7 Deployment of Emergency Medical Team Pillar 7 3 Procurement of Wall Fan - Wellness Clinics Pillar 7 8 Procurement of Extractor Fans - Wellness Clinic Pillar 10 Supervisor for Data Entry Clerks hire Pillar 10 Procurement of Tables, Chairs and Tents Pillar 10 5 vaccine data entry clerks recruite Pillar 5 20250 Rapid Antigen Tests procured Pillar 5 Biosafety Cabinet procured Pillar 6 5000 Gowns - non porus procured Pillar 7 30 Oxygen Cylinders - "H" Size empty procure Pillar 7 14 Bed Partition on Wheels procured Pillar 7 60 Oxygen Regulator 2 - 15 LPM CGA-540 procure Pillar 7 9 Oxygen flowmeters procured Pillar 7 41 Oxygen regulators procure Pillar 7 2 ECG Machines procured Pillar 7 25 laptops procured Pillar 7 9 computer stands procured Pillar 7 On-site assistance for Tuttnauer Sterilizer Pillar 10 10 vaccine data entry clerks recruite Pillar 10 4 tablets and 12 laptops procured Pillar 10 1 Refigerator procured Pillar 10 EPI coordination consultant hired Pillar 10 2 ESAVI trays procure Pillar 10 AC and Fan procure Pillar 10 1 retired nurse ward management hired Pillar 10 1 retired ward manager hire Pillar 3 2 surveillance officers hire Pillar 3 1 contact tracer recruited Pillar 7 Oxygen Plant Pillar 10 Ultra Cold Temperature Freezer procure Pillar 10 Procurement of 22 Tablets for Data Entry Pillar 10 Procurement of 4 Computers Pilllar 3? Documentation of COVID-19 Trends with Public Health and Social Measures Pillar 9 4 Webinars on Mental Health

Pillar 10 Anti-Vaccine Hesitancy Campaign rolled out

Pillar 10 Production of A Matter of Fact video conversation series

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Pillar 10 Consultancy Behaviour Change Consultancy/Vaccine Hesitancy hired ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES Pillar 5 10 boxes/1000 reactions each - RT-PCR Kit procured Pillar 5 60 kits / 10 test each - GeneXpert RT-PCR Kit procured Pillar 7 Procurement of 1 Bus for transportation of patients Pillar 10 Vaccine hesitancy survey and communications campaign rolled out Pillar 10 Rental of vehicle for communication + communication material VIRGIN ISLANDS (BRITISH) Pillar 3 Procurement of 5 laptops, back-packs and accessories

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Country level coordination, planning, financing and monitoring Pillar 2 Risk communication and community engagement (RCCE) and infodemic Surveillance, epidemiological investigation, contact tracing, and adjustment of public health and social measures Points of Entry, international travel and transport, and mass gatherings National laboratories and diagnostics Infection prevention and control, and protection of the health workforce Case management, clinical operations, and therapeutics

Pillar 8 Operational support and logistics, and supply chains Pillar 9 Maintaining essential health services and systems Pillar 10 Vaccination



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Pillar 7 Kits for monitoring COVID-19 patients in the community to include:

Pillar 7 Medical Team with 2 intensivists and 10 nurse practitioners

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